

CHAPTER 3. ARMY PREPOSITIONED STOCK (APS) PROGRAM

3-1. APS PROGRAM BACKGROUND

a. The traditional methods of locating sustainment stocks in Theater Reserve sites under local or theater commander control are no longer consistent with supporting the dynamics of a rapidly changing world with constrained resources - nor is it keeping with current policy objectives. The Army has become a much smaller, predominantly Continental United States (CONUS)-based force. The Army's Strategic Mobility Program, when fully implemented, will greatly expand the Army's ability to quickly move personnel and equipment to potential contingencies throughout the world. Forward presence will be achieved through minimum Outside Continental United States (OCONUS) stationing, with increased reliance on unit rotations and exercise deployments to provide stability in dynamic regions. To accomplish this objective, a balance of airlift, sealift, and sustainment (prepositioned equipment and supplies) is needed to provide the ability to project forces worldwide and sustain those forces during a contingency.

b. In May 1992, the Chief of Staff, Army (CSA) directed a reduction in War Reserve (WR) and Operational Project (OP) stocks and transferred management and accountability responsibilities for this materiel to the Army Materiel Command (AMC) and Office of the Surgeon General (OTSG), for Supply Class (SC) VIII. The U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency (USAMMA) was designated by OTSG as the Executive Agent for SC VIII materiel and manager of the SC VIII portion of the Army War Reserve (AWR) Program. In 1998, the AWR Program was redesignated Army Prepositioned Stock (APS). In 2004 APS-3 was redesignated as Army Regional Flotilla (ARF). In 2005 APS-3 was redesignated as Army Strategic Flotilla (ASF). USAMMA must receive approval from HQDA prior to release of any APS stocks.

3-2. APS AND SC VIII APS LOCATIONS

a. The objective of the CSA APS management policy is to change the use and ownership of APS materiel from specific Combatant Commands (COCOM) and theaters to a common user stockpile of equipment and supplies that can support the worldwide requirements of any warfighting COCOM. These stocks now fall under the broad heading of APS materiel and are grouped into five regions:

- APS-1 consists of CONUS-based stocks
- APS-2 stocks are stored in Europe
- APS-3 stocks are prepositioned aboard ships
- APS-4 stocks are located in the Pacific
- APS-5 covers Southwest Asia.

The APS program encompasses prepositioned Brigade/Unit Sets, Operational Projects (OP), and Army War Reserve Sustainment (AWRS) stocks.

(1) Brigade/Unit Sets are documented as unmanned Table of Organization and Equipment (TO&E) units. They have a Unit Identification Code (UIC) and AMC does the Unit Status Report (USR) on these sets since the majority of the materiel within the Brigade is under AMC management.

(2) Operational projects are authorization documents that provide the combat unit commander a way to identify additional materiel authorized for a specific mission. Operational projects include equipment that is not part of a unit's Table of Organization and Equipment (TO&E), but are used to support operations, contingencies, and war plans.

(3) AWRS stocks are to resupply a unit after they have consumed their unit basic load. USAMMA develops an AWRS requirement based upon the Time-Phased Force Deployment Data (TFPDD).

b. As the SC VIII APS Program Manager, the USAMMA maintains all total item property records on an in-house system. To accomplish the day-to-day management of SC VIII APS materiel, the USAMMA uses existing activities as accountable activities to maintain and manage prepositioned assets. For additional information refer to *Army Regulation (AR) 710-1*, Chapter 6. Potency and Dated (P&D) materiel for the Hospital Unit sets for each site are managed by the Unit Deployment Package (UDP) Program. Currently the UDP package for the Unit set located at Korea is on site. There is one (1) UDP package on site for the Hospital Unit set located in Japan. P&D materiel for the afloat program is maintained on site in Charleston, SC. Please refer to Chapter 4 for a complete description of this program. P&D materiel for Brigade sets, Operational Projects, and Sustainment is managed at each of the sites by the USAMMA Forward Site Managers.

Current Location of APS Stocks	
APS-1	Health and Human Services, Perry Point, MD KellyUSA, San Antonio, TX Anniston Army Depot, Anniston, AL
APS-2	U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe (USAMMCE)
APS-3	Various afloat ships and Army Materiel Command (AMC) Army Field Support Battalion-Afloat (ASFBn-Afloat), Charleston, SC
<p>NOTE: Exclusionary items such as controlled substances, refrigerated, or P&D items are not uploaded onto the ships. This materiel is maintained at Charleston as a push package. Two methods exist to provide these items:</p> <p>(1) The deploying medical unit will bring them To Accompany Troops (TAT), and/or</p> <p>(2) These items will be provided to the receiving medical unit by the Logistics Support Element (LSE), Medical Logistics Support Team (MLST), if a push package from Charleston is required.</p>	
APS-4	Camp Carroll, Waegan, Korea Sagami Army Depot, Sagami, Japan Camp Kinser, Okinawa, Japan
APS-5	Camp AsSaliyah, Qatar

c. The USAMMA has Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs), Interservice Support Agreements (ISSAs), and Statements of Work (SOWs) with the activities to govern APS operations at the storage sites. In addition, the USAMMA personnel make periodic visits to the activities in order to resolve issues and view APS assets. APS locations 2 through 5 conduct and maintain daily operations with on-site managers.

3-3. SC VIII APS ASSETS

a. The USAMMA has the SC VIII materiel below prepositioned to support the warfight.

(1) Brigade sets:

One in Korea – Heavy Brigade Combat Team (HBCT)
 One in Korea – Sustainment Support Brigade (SSB)
 One in Japan – Sustainment Support Brigade (SSB)
 One in Qatar – Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT)

- (2) Medical and support units / Unit Sets:
- One Corps Combat Support Hospital (CSH) stored in Korea;
 - Four Echelon Above Corps (EAC) CSHs stored in Japan;
 - Eight Minimal Care Detachments (MCDs) stored in Japan;
 - One 84-Bed CASH to be stored in Qatar, August 2007;
 - One 44-bed CSH to be stored Afloat, September 2007.

The APS program has additional medical assets held in all sites. The required units, by Standard Requirement Codes (SRCs), are constantly reviewed and updated. The medical assets in APS-3 and APS-5 were issued for Operational Iraqi Freedom (OIF). APS-5 Brigade sets were replaced in FY07 and the HBCT and Afghanistan (AF) Bn were re-issued in support of OIF. Reset of APS-3 and APS-5 is pending HQDA guidance.

(3) Procurement of additional brigade sets, medical and support units / Unit Sets are pending the approval of APS 2013 Strategy. Once this document is approved the following SRC 08 (Medical) units will be authorized to APS-3 (ASF-IV and ASF-V):

- One Forward Surgical Team (FST)
- One Area Support Medical Company (ASMC)
- One 44 Bed Corps CSH
- One MEDLOG BN Company
- One Preventive Medicine Detachment (PM DET)
- One Food Processing Squad
- One Veterinary Service Support Squad

(4) Line Item and Set Configured Sustainment Stocks: Sustainment stocks are stored by Health and Human Services, Perry Point, MD, KellyUSA, San Antonio, TX and APS sites in Korea and Japan. Assets stored Afloat and in Qatar were issued for OIF. They will be replaced pending the approval of the APS 2013 Strategy and the availability of funds.

(5) Operational Projects (OP): Currently, OP projects are stored in Anniston Army Depot, USAMMCE, and APS sites in Korea and Japan. Assets stored in Kuwait and Qatar were issued for OIF and pending COCOM revalidation and the availability of funds.

b. Units can contact their higher headquarters to obtain visibility of APS assets. The APS assets are reported through the Unit Status Report (USR) systems into the Army Readiness Management System (ARMS) and the AWRDS. Additionally, the AMC (Army Sustainment Command) and USAMMA are improving the Automated Battlebook System (ABS) for each theater. Official requests for information can be submitted through higher headquarters to the Force Projection Directorate (FPD) at the USAMMA. Most information concerning APS readiness is classified.

3-4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

a. Deploying units identified to receive APS medical assets are strongly encouraged to contact their higher headquarters. The higher headquarters, in turn, will contact the EOC, DSN 343-4408 or Commercial 301-619-4408. The EOC will provide asset visibility down to the National Stock Number (NSN) level for all APS medical supplies and equipment and will recommend supplies and equipment the unit must bring as to accompany troops (TAT). Additionally, personnel from the FPD can discuss operational and logistical issues for consideration during pre-deployment, deployment, and re-deployment.

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